The Director   22 February 1949

Assistant General Counsel

Hoover Commission Report on the
National Security Organization.

1.   Reference is made to the attached letter to you,
dated 18 February 1949, from Sidney A. Mitchell, Executive
Director of the Hoover Commission. This letter points out that
the Commission will release its report on the National Security
Organization on 24 February, but that Volumes II and III of the
task force report will only be mimeographed.

2.   I have spoken both to Senator McClellan, Chairman —
of the Senate Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Depart-
ments, and Congressman Dawson, Chairman of the Expenditures Com-
mittee in the House. The report will be transmitted to their
Committees.

3.   Both Chairmen pledged themselves to take every
possible step to keep secure the volumes of the task force
report which deal with CIA. They are both aware of the problems
involved to the fullest extent. If for any reason they wish
to discuss portions of the report with you, it will be done only
in executive session.

4.   Mr. Dawson in particular realizes that if multiple
copies of Volumes II and III of the task force report are made
available, there is little possibility of maintaining security
in the House.

5.   It is noted in Mr. Mitchell's letter to you that
only one mimeographed copy of Volumes II and III of the Eber-
stadt report will be delivered to each branch of the Congress.
This will permit the Chairman in each case to lock it up, and
they will do so. However, it is suggested that you talk with
Mr. Mitchell again as both the Senator and the Congressman tend
to place the burden for security on the Commission, and that you
urge Mr. Mitchell to take specific steps again with both Chairmen
to impress on them the security implications involved in the
Eberstadt report. In fact, I do not think either Chairman would
be adverse to the Commission's deleting the CIA section from the
task force report, setting it up separately for them to read
and then recalling it.

                                        Walter L. Pforzheimer

Attachment